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**Problem Statement:** The green-space known as the Jungle (located at the base of Beacon Hill and south of I-90) has historically been an area for homeless encampments. Recently, the Jungle has become a focal point for criminal activity. The activity within the Jungle is spilling out into the surrounding neighborhoods and creating safety concerns for the community. SPD does not have the resources to deal with this problem on their own. The space known as the Jungle is under the jurisdiction of Seattle Parks Department. **Solutions will have to come from a partnership of city and state agencies and the community.**

**Potential Solutions:** While the Team agreed the Jungle will have problems, it was also agreed that the problems could be reduced to manageable levels. Some of the recommendations are as follows:

- Create a Trespass Admonishment Contract between Parks and SPD: We will need to have a multi-jurisdictional trespass agreement through Parks, SPD and WSDOT. Individulas
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would be trespassed from the area for criminal behavior. **LEADS: Sgt. Granard, Peggy Pullen, PARKS, Jim McBride, WSDOT.**

- Utilize a Spider (a piece of logging equipment that can clear brush and ground cover from steep slopes) to create more visibility. **Mark Mead, Urban Forest Coordinator has agreed to the use of the Spider to clear underbrush.** He also has a plan for reforestation and will work with the work group to find solutions.
- *Tentatively* schedule coordinated sweeps with SPD, Parks, and DOC four times a year (SPD time would be 50 hours each sweep). 24-hour notice will be given before each sweep. Should have response from South Precinct Captain soon. **LEADS: Sgt. Granard, Peggy Pullen**
- Look for other uses for trails: BMX races, dog runs, etc. (need community input on what they'd like to see happen).
- Work with the community and private property owners to install better security measures to reduce ingress and egress points to the Jungle. **LEADS: Sgt. Granard, Tari Nelson-Zagar, Seattle Neighborhood Group, Mark Solomon, Crime Prevention**
- Consider utilizing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) suggestions to make surrounding properties safer. **LEADS: Sgt. Granard, Tari Nelson-Zagar, Seattle Neighborhood Group, Mark Solomon, Crime Prevention**
- Improve access to SPD by extending access road. Make it easier for SPD to drive through and patrol without having to hike through the area. This would make it safer for officers. **LEADS: Peggy Pullen, PARKS and Jim McBride, WSDOT**